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SUBJECT: Mitrione/Fly Kidnappings

REFS: (a) Montevideo 1688; (b) Montevideo EXDIS 1717; (c) Montevideo EXDIS 1721; (d) State 128604

1. Please deliver following message from President Nixon to President Pacheco:

QUOTE Your expressions of sorrow and indignation at the brutal murder of Mr. Dan A. Mitrione by his heartless kidnappers are appreciated by the Government and people of the United States of America. I am confident that you will bend every effort to avert another tragedy and ensure the safe return of Dr. Claude Fly, whose detention remains of the gravest concern to us. END QUOTE

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2. In delivering message, emphasize President's deep concern for welfare Dr. Fly and the urgency President ascribes to GOU actions to effect Fly safe return. Inquire status of GOU initiatives through QUOTE private but controlled UNQUOTE Channels to contact kidnappers for early purpose seeking Fly's/release and note that public support GOU has gained by its ~~XXX~~ firmness and determination gives it increased opportunity to usex considerable imagination and flexibility in connection with these kinds of initiatives. Express President's confidence that GOU will imaginatively and expeditiously press every practicable effort to secure Fly's safe return. You may also refer to the points you suggested in reftels (b) and (c).

3. FYI Translation of President Pacheco's August 10 cable follows:

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QUOTE His Excellency Richard Nixon, President of the United States of America, Washington. In the name of the Government and people of the Republic of ~~MXXH~~ Uruguay and in my own name, I convey to Your Excellency our sentiments of deep sorrow and assure you that we fully share your grief over the tragic death of Dan Mitrione, citizen of the United States, who carried out with exemplary courage the high mission with which he was entrusted in our country. Jorge Pacheco Areco, President of the Republic of Uruguay. END QUOTE.

4. White House does not plan to release text, though guidance which applied to possible future release of previous Presidential messages (ref. (d) also applies in this case.

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